

WJZ-TV
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to CBS Corporation, is responsive to the principal issues in its community of license, Baltimore, Maryland on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including regularly scheduled news and public affairs programming, reports on breaking news events, documentaries, specials, and public service announcements of concern to the community are included within our regular programming service. WJZ-TV's coverage of news stories, our employees' participation in community affairs, and regular interviews with community leaders have led to the determination that the issues listed are ones of importance to the Baltimore community. Our most significant programming, which dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, are set forth in this report. WJZ-TV broadcasts both locally-produced and network programming. Although we include only local programs herein, WJZ-TV also broadcasts several network broadcasts including FACE THE NATION, 60 MINUTES, CBS REPORTS and 48 HOURS.

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CONSUMER WATCH

WJZ reporters cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

HEALTHWATCH

WJZ's reporters discuss health issues and interview experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. These air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

ON TIME

A half-hour, Sunday morning public affairs program that airs at 6:30AM, focusing on leaders, issues and events, affecting the Baltimore community.

HEALTH

July 3: Eyewitness News reports that Maryland's Department of Health has scrapped a new policy on sunscreen at the state's summer camps.

July 7: News reports that America's waistline is growing and so is Maryland's according to the latest obesity rankings.

July 8: Eyewitness News reports on a life saving swap. Six people involved in a triple kidney transplant met today at the Baltimore hospital where their lives changed forever.

July 11: Eyewitness News reports on a new program to build healthy minds and bodies to form healthy communities. That's the goal of a two day event organized by General Electric.

July 12: Eyewitness News reports that Howard County is split over a new proposal to ban smoking at all county parks.

July 13: Eyewitness News reports that parents have a new tool to fight child obesity. Some major restaurants are now adding healthier choices for kids.

July 14: In Healthwatch, the FDA releases new warnings about silicone breast implants. Baltimore doctors and patients react to the warning about the complications they could face.

July 15: News reports that growing youngsters in Wicomico County are getting some help from their school district. A new program will provide children with free multi-vitamins.

July 18: News reports how dementia took the life of a Baltimore sports icon, much of it attributed to his injuries on the football field. John Mackey's wife talks about his hard knocks, dementia and her mission to help other players.

July 19: News reports that Johns Hopkins Hospital is once again recognized as the nation's best.

July 20: News reports that birth control may soon be available for free to millions of women. The Institute of Medicine has recommended the government require health insurance providers to cover contraception without co-payments. But those recommendations are coming under fire here in Maryland.

July 21: News reports that a Maryland man who died 8 times on the operating table wants you to do what others did to save his life. Brian Boyle is now the national face for the Red Cross and he's asking for your help.

July 22: News reports that record break heat has a grip on Maryland with dangerously high temperatures and humidity. Tonight more on people falling ill in the extreme heat.

July 25: News reports on a hospice that is the first of its kind in Maryland and all of the US. A hospice for children with terminal illnesses is difficult to think about, but for many families this new center fills a void during the most painful time.

July 26: News reports that a cancer diagnosis can be devastating and overwhelming but now the state is stepping up its effort to help patients fight the disease. In Healthwatch, what the new plan means for you.

July 27: News reports that a group of Maryland scientists are responsible for a medical breakthrough that could revolutionize the way doctors treat dangerous diseases like e-coli.

July 28: News reports that a group of Harford County homeowners is searching for the source of lead that's seeped into their tap water. Tonight the Health Department has placed the community on alert.

July 29: News reports that it's hard to breathe on summer days like this, but it's perfect for NASA's last flight over our area to sample that air pollution. The study might even help reduce it.

August 1: In Healthwatch, Maryland is showing steady progress in battling alcohol and drug abuse.

August 4: News reports that while we are getting a break in the weather today it's been a brutally hot summer so far and the number of people dying from heat related problems is rising dramatically.

August 5: Mobile phones can help us communicate, organize and navigate our lives but can they help manage chronic illnesses? In Healthwatch, a breakthrough in mobile medicine and a huge help for people with Type Two Diabetes.

August 10: News reports that a group of mothers are raising awareness on the dangers of household toxic chemicals one stroller at a time.

August 11: News reports that families with children battling cancer soon realize that their child quickly falls behind in school. Now a first of its kind program in the country is getting ready to open in Towson.

August 13: Eyewitness News reports that Maryland will get some big bucks from the federal government to fund the state's health benefit exchange.

August 18: News reports that the state Health Department is reporting a Baltimore adult is testing positive for the West Nile Virus, making it the first case this season.

August 20: News reports that officials identify Maryland's first case of West Nile virus this week.

August 22: News reports that some Amtrak passengers that came through Baltimore may have been exposed to the Measles. The state health department is now trying to separate fact from fiction.

August 24: In Healthwatch, Maryland's infant mortality rate drops for the second year in a row, to the lowest rate recorded in the state. Lowering that rate even further remains a state priority.

August 29: Eyewitness News reports that the new health care reform law is meant to help millions of Americans but in the process it's confusing many health care professionals. Some got their questions answered today.

August 30: News reports on a program aimed at saving lives by bridging cultural divides. A new program hopes to break down the barriers to breast cancer.

Sept. 1: Eyewitness News reported that doctors are closer to a saliva test for diagnosing cancer.

Sept. 1: Eyewitness News reported that according to the CDC strokes are now affecting Americans at a younger age.

Sept. 1: Eyewitness News profiles an event that raises money for the fight against pediatric cancer.

Sept. 1: Eyewitness News reports that poisonous copperhead snake bites are on the rise in Maryland.

Sept. 2: News reports that a government study found that doctors are prescribing fewer antibiotics to children than in the past.

Sept. 3: In Healthwatch, a Baltimore Hospital is breaking down cultural barriers that prevent African American and Latino women from getting screening and treatment for breast cancer.

Sept. 5: News reports that doctors are advising pregnant women of the benefits of natural birth over C-sections.

Sept. 5: News reports that a new study finds that yoga may be beneficial for diabetics by lowering weight and controlling blood sugar.

Sept. 5: In Healthwatch a report that a new strain of swine flu has been detected in two children living in Pennsylvania and Indiana.

Sept. 6: In Healthwatch, a new report from researchers that demonstrate that exposure to chemicals during pregnancy can lead to developmental problems in young children.

Sept. 6: In Healthwatch, a new flu vaccine that works with a small skin prick instead of a longer needle stick.

Sept. 6: News reports that lifestyle changes can lower the risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

Sept. 6: News reports that Johns Hopkins researchers found that the risk for a fatal heart attack does not drastically increase due to the hormonal effect of menopause.

Sept. 7: News reports that Canadian researchers found that women who take anti-inflammatory drugs during pregnancy are at risk for having miscarriages and having babies with birth defects.

Sept. 7: In Healthwatch, CDC statistics show that Americans are smoking less.

Sept. 7: In Healthwatch, middle age women who drink one alcoholic beverage a day are healthier than those who don't drink at all or those who drink more than one drink.

Sept. 8: News reports on a new study that parents who smoke affect their child's performance in school.

Sept. 8: News reports that a new medical study found that obese patients lost more weight on the Weight Watchers program than other diet plans.

Sept. 8: In Healthwatch, research from the Mayo Clinic reports that flaxseed is no better at controlling hot flashes than a placebo.

Sept. 9: News reports that a National Cancer Institute study reveals that 2 doses of the HPV vaccine are just as effective as the current recommendation of 3 doses.

Sept. 9: In Healthwatch, a new report that correlates what a mother eats during pregnancy affects her child's future allergies. Fatty acids in fish, walnut oil and flaxseed help how the baby's digestive system develops and makes the child less likely to have food allergies later on.

Sept. 10: News reports that every 10 minutes someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with ALS and former Ravens player O.J. Brigrance who is battling this disease is raising money for research.

Sept. 12: In Healthwatch, the FDA is issuing new requirements for labels for osteoporosis drugs that clarify the risks for long-term use.

Sept. 12: In Healthwatch a story about women who carry the breast cancer gene and are diagnosed with the disease at a very young age.

Sept. 13: In Healthwatch, a study reports that a drug used to treat diabetes could also help in the fight against Alzheimer's disease.

Sept. 14: Eyewitness News reports that residents living near Ft. Detrick in Frederick claim that a high number of cancer cases are linked to the army base and that the military is covering up the evidence that documents the connection.

Sept. 15: In Healthwatch a new report that says there is a steep increase in the number of women diagnosed with breast cancer, double the rate from 1980, and that the increase is attributed to better detection in developing countries.

Sept. 15: News reports on a new survey that finds many parents are uncomfortable talking to their children about being overweight even though it can lead to major health risks.

Sept. 16: Eyewitness News reports on First Lady Michelle Obama's visit to a Prince George's County restaurant to stress her plan to have Americans cut calories and eat more healthy foods.

Sept. 16: News reports on a growing nationwide shortage of prescription drugs including chemotherapy drugs.

Sept. 16: News reports on a new study that reveals that eating fresh fruits – with white flesh like apples and pears – may prevent strokes.

Sept. 16: In Healthwatch a report on the increase number of children who are unintentionally being poisoned from medication, prompting the CDC to establish a new initiative to education parents of the potential danger.

Sept. 19: News reports that cardiologists are looking for a gene variant that could raise a patient's risk of death following heart bypass surgery. Patients with this gene variant had a lower 5 year survival rate.

Sept. 19: News reports that more people are dying from drug overdoses than in car accidents. Overdoses from Vicodin and Oxycontin are among the drugs commonly abused.

Sept. 20: News reports that doctors are warning mothers who have been vaccinated against certain diseases can pass the diseases on to their children. New recommendations from the CDC state that all teens and adults get booster shots especially those who have been in contact with unvaccinated infants.

Sept. 20: In Healthwatch, a report that the Maryland Department of the Environment has found a drop in the number of children diagnosed with lead poisoning. Five hundred Maryland children are suffering from lead poisoning.

Sept. 20: News reports on research that shows that having diabetes may increase your risk of developing Alzheimer's and other types of dementia.

Sept. 20: News reports that officials are warning of a long, harsh allergy season – making it the worst ever.

Sept. 21: News reports that blood pressure medicine is helping some cancer patients. The medicine is believed to slow tumor growth and a new clinical trial is being set up to confirm these benefits.

Sept. 21: News reports that Harvard researches found that people with depression have a 45 percent risk of stroke and is 55 percent more likely to die from a stroke.

Sept. 22: In Healthwatch, federal health officials are recommending everyone, six months and older, get a flu shot and say there is an ample supply of the vaccine.

Sept. 23: Eyewitness News looks at prostate cancer: symptoms, screening recommendations, treatment options and profiles several survivors who are participating in the upcoming Great Prostate Cancer Challenge.

Sept. 23: In Healthwatch a report that mothers who breast feed have babies with a higher mental development than babies fed on bottle formula.

Sept. 26: News reports that fruits and vegetables, especially broccoli, cabbage and apples, can help reduce the risk of colon cancer.

Sept. 27: In Healthwatch, a study that shows that children who are exposed to chemotherapy while in the womb seem to develop as well as children who aren't exposed to these drugs. Researches found no difference in the children's mental or physical development when exposed to chemo.

Sept. 27: In Healthwatch, a CDC report that high school students are not getting the recommended 8 hour of sleep resulting in health-risk behaviors including smoking, drinking, and fighting.

Sept. 28: In Healthwatch, a psychiatry research report shows that more children are being prescribed drugs to treat ADHD, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Sept. 28: In Healthwatch, a new study finds that people with blood pressure slightly above normal may be at an increased risk of strokes.

Sept. 29: News reports on a news study that finds autistic children who get early and intensive therapy to improve social and communication skills do better in life, the sooner the treatment the better the outcome.

ON TIME

July 10: The Look Good...Feel Better campaign assists women going through chemo and radiation who have experienced changes in their appearance – from skin dryness to hair loss. Luanne Roark, the executive director of the Personal Care Products Foundation tells Kai Jackson why they started the program with the American Cancer Society and how the program brings together cancer survivors battling this disease.

July 24: Cancer programs both nationally and locally benefit from the 24 hours of booty event. Janet Ervin, Kevin Beverly and Eben Block explain how bicycle riders form teams, gather pledges and ride for a 24 hour period in this one day event. Eben explains how his friends supported him during his bout with colon cancer by forming a bicycle team.

July 24: Dr. Felicia Stoler tells Kai Jackson how personal struggles with health issues and weight lead her to write “Living Skinny in Fat Genes.” She discusses easy substitutions in food choices that cut calories and help ease the hunger pains.

September 4: Edel Blumberg tells Kai Jackson how he has survived two bouts of colon cancer, the first a stage 3 and the second a stage 4. He discusses how his problem started with IBS during his teenage years. Now in his 50’s Blumberg started the Semi Colon Club as a means to raise awareness and money for colorectal cancer.

September 4: Peritoneal Carcinomatosis is cancer in the abdominal cavity that begins from a tumor in the lung, appendix, bowel or ovaries according to Dr. Armando Sardi, the director of the Institute for Cancer Care at Mercy Medical Center. He tells Kai Jackson that the treatment for this type of stage 4 cancer is to bathe the abdominal area with heated chemotherapy to destroy any cancer cells that are not removed during surgery.

September 18: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Sanford Siegel, Phil Shulka and Jeff Zemencik about prostate cancer, barriers to men getting treatment and the upcoming prostate cancer challenge. Phil Shulka discusses how he counsels men who have just been diagnosed and discusses overcoming the side effects associated with treating prostate cancer.

September 25: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Michelle Gourdine and Kathy Rogers about diabetes in the African American population. They discuss how adhering to the new food plate that replaced the food pyramid should be used as guidelines to healthy eating. The lack of healthy foods coupled with little to no exercise contributes too many people getting diabetes. They discuss how the American Diabetes Association offers specific educational programs on diabetes to urban churches as a means to reach the African American and Latino populations.

CONSUMER/ECONOMY/JOB/LOCAL POLITICAL ISSUES

July 5: Eyewitness News reports that while growers brace for potential crop loss from the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug, vineyards are making an extra effort to keep the pest out of grapes and wine.

July 5: News reports that days after she vowed to stay in office, Prince George’s County Councilwoman Leslie Johnson resigns.

July 6: News reports on the support for Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake as the city council officially endorsed the mayor in the upcoming election.

July 6: News reports that emptying your pocket to fill the gas tank is a reality for most of us now, but it doesn’t have to be the future. The findings of a new study show getting off oil might come sooner to Maryland than many other states.

July 7: Eyewitness News reports that the State Senator Minority leader says her phones are ringing with demands from Marylanders to do something to prevent cases similar to Casey Anthony's here. Tonight plans for a Caylee Anthony law.

July 9: Eyewitness News reports that there's big boost for people who want to buy local. One hundred businesses now accept the Baltimore currency known as "B-Notes."

July 9: Eyewitness News reports that thousands of new jobs, new housing, and a new retail are the goal of a major project planned for mid-town Baltimore.

July 12: Eyewitness News reports that thousands of people flooded the Inner Harbor Sheraton today looking for work at a job fair. The huge crowd caused quite a bit of chaos.

July 12: Eyewitness News reports that Gay rights advocates launched their 2012 campaign to legalize same sex marriage in Maryland. Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake joined the coalition of supporters.

July 13: News reports that while the home foreclosure situation has improved in Maryland, state officials went door to door today to try to help those who still need help staying in their homes.

July 15: News reports that there might be shorter airport security lines... that's the goal of a new TSA program. It's designed to speed some fliers through checkpoints and it's being tested at BWI Marshall Airport.

July 17: Eyewitness News reports that there's a new plan to crack down on striped bass poaching after miles of illegal fishing nets are discovered in the Chesapeake Bay.

July 16: News reports that Governor O'Malley is making headlines for his comments about the debt negotiations in Washington.

July 18: News reported on another record for the Port of Baltimore. Yesterday the port welcomed its largest container ship ever.

July 20: News reports that Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Bake want to cut property taxes by 20 cents by 2020.

July 21: Eyewitness News reports on a just-released study that reveals Maryland has some of the most toxic air in the nation... but the numbers are deceptive.

July 22: News reports on some bad news for Maryland's economy... the unemployment rate is heading in the wrong direction.

July 22: News reports that a Maryland politician is fighting against a new synthetic drug. Maryland's Health Secretary is trying to get bath salts on the state's controlled dangerous substance list.

July 24: Eyewitness News reports that BGE is reviewing its peak rewards program after it caused a huge controversy during the heat wave.

July 25: Eyewitness News reports that a program at BGE designed to save customers money comes under fire. Many people across Maryland lost air conditioning for hours during the hottest day ever recorded in Baltimore. Tonight we take a closer look at Peak Rewards.

July 26: Eyewitness News reports that if you're looking for good local produce this is your week. It's hitting farms in a big way all across Maryland and it's just in time as the state encourages you to "Buy Local."

July 26: Eyewitness News reports that Maryland has a lot to lose in the debt debate... and people who count on cash from the government are sweating it out tonight worrying about their jobs.

July 27: Eyewitness News reports that it takes work to keep Maryland's great outdoors great in state parks. Some of that job is being taken on by teenagers who have never been in the woods before.

July 27: Eyewitness News reports that it's just about time for back to school shopping, but you may want to hold off for a few more weeks until Maryland's tax free shopping week.

July 28: Eyewitness News reports that the Obama administration wants Detroit to build cars that can go 1000 miles on a tank of gas. Tonight an advanced look at new fuel economy standards to be announced tomorrow.

July 29: Eyewitness News reports that Howard County is paving the way with recycling with a new food waste program. It will mean less trash and possibly more money for residents.

July 30: Eyewitness News reports that local lawmakers are front and center in the Washington debt battle. Tonight reaction from a Maryland leader.

July 31: Eyewitness News reports that as the government default nears, people across Maryland are waiting on word from Washington. Tonight reaction from on-edge citizens who say it's time to make a deal.

August 1: Eyewitness News reports that the deadline is 8 hours away and lawmakers are still rounding up support for the debt deal. The last minute wheeling and dealing on Capitol Hill has thousands of Maryland workers worried about what they could lose.

August 1: Eyewitness News reports that Lottery ticket sales are breaking records once again and that means big money for Maryland.

August 2: Eyewitness News reports that if you enjoy a great meal at a bargain price, you'll like what begins in Baltimore on Friday. It's summer restaurant week and there are lots of meals and deals around town.

August 2: Eyewitness News reports that Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake addresses crime and public safety in her first radio campaign ad released today. Tonight a look at how her crime fighting plan compares to some of her challengers.

August 3: Eyewitness News reports that Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake launches the first television ad of the campaign season. The primary election is a little more than a month away and the candidates are picking up the pace.

August 3: If you're looking for a good reason to hit the mall... here's seven. Eyewitness News reports that the state is giving Marylanders a break with another tax free holiday week.

August 4: Just five weeks and counting until the mayoral primary in Baltimore. Eyewitness News reports that for the first time, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake takes part in a public forum with other challengers.

August 5: The gloves come off in the Baltimore mayor's race over crime fighting policies. Eyewitness News reports that Candidate Otis Rolley accuses Mayor Rawlings-Blake of failing to do her job.

August 7: Eyewitness News reports that thousands of Verizon employees, including some from Maryland, walked off the job today in the company's first strike in more than a decade.

August 7: As Standard and Poor's continues to defend their decision, lawmakers are firing back. Eyewitness News reports that includes Governor Martin O'Malley who hit the airwaves to blast the S and P.

August 8: Eyewitness News reports that from Maine to Virginia, Verizon workers are on the picket line, including right here in Maryland.

August 8: Eyewitness News reports that Governor Martin O'Malley says the downgrade of the US credit rating is not justified. Tonight more on whether Maryland is affected by the negative national outlook.

August 9: Same sex marriage controversy for Governor Martin O'Malley. Eyewitness News reports that he's Catholic and his politics and faith are clashing. Tonight the pressure he was under from Baltimore's archbishop before he came out in support of marriage equality.

August 10: Eyewitness News reports that some Marylanders are angry with the way Washington is working and now they're demanding jobs. They're taking their message to Maryland's representatives.

August 10: Eyewitness News reports that Baltimore's real estate market is also riding the economic roller coaster.

August 11: Eyewitness News reports that two Baltimore mayoral campaigns are at odds over their crime fighting plans. Tonight more on the cause of the conflict.

August 12: Eyewitness News reports that a growing number of people want to know exactly where their food comes from... not the store's name, but the farmer's. Now one Baltimore woman is, in a small way, taking that idea one step further.

August 12: Eyewitness News reports that foreclosure sales are on the rise in Baltimore. Foreclosures currently account for more than 20 percent of the housing market in the city.

August 13: It was just 18 months ago that Stephanie Rawlings Blake became mayor of Baltimore and now she's trying to hold on to her job. Eyewitness News that spent time with her as she went door to door asking for votes.

August 14: Eyewitness News reports that today marks the start of a tax free shopping week in Maryland. For many parents the discount is just in time for back to school shopping.

August 16: Eyewitness News reports that Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake went live on the radio this morning debating her five democratic opponents.

August 16: Eyewitness News reports that it's a little easier to establish an oyster farm here in Maryland thanks to some new legislation.

August 17: Eyewitness News reports that the Baltimore Grand Prix has put the city into a top Labor Day destination according to Priceline.com.

August 18: Eyewitness News reports that predictions this past spring that Asian Stinkbugs would have an impact on crops appears to be coming true. The highly destructive pest is being found on just about everything that grows.

August 18: The Board of Elections gets it wrong. Eyewitness News reports that a sample ballot mailed to registered voters has the wrong date for the Baltimore City primary.

August 19: Maryland's job market appears to be on the upswing. Eyewitness News reports that according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the state gained 81 hundred jobs last month.

August 20: Eyewitness News reports that thousands of striking Verizon workers, including a number in Maryland will be back on the job Monday night but their contract dispute remains unsettled.

August 20: Get ready to tighten your belts... that's the message tonight from Governor Martin O'Malley. Eyewitness News reports that the Governor cautioned deep budget cuts by the federal government may force the state to raise taxes.

August 21: In a few weeks President Obama will lay out a new plan to jump start the economy. He's not only trying to create jobs, he's also trying to shore up support for his re-election. Eyewitness News reports that today two Maryland politicians offered him some advice.

August 22: Eyewitness News reports that BWI Marshall Airport comes out on top with some of the shortest security lines in the country.

August 26: Eyewitness News reports that Hurricane Irene is expected to cause wide spread power outages all across Maryland. BGE is planning for the more than half a million customers to lose power and is bringing in reinforcements to help with the repairs.

August 28: Eyewitness News reports that the Baltimore mayoral primary is fast approaching and polls show it the incumbent will be hard to beat.

August 29: Eyewitness News reports that former Mayor Sheila Dixon might have a hard time at the polls if she decides to run for mayor again.

August 30: Baltimore's mayoral race gathers steam as primary day gets closer. Eyewitness News reports that with just two weeks left in the campaign, a Baltimore Sun poll gives Stephanie Rawlings-Blake a commanding lead... but the challengers say they don't believe the poll is accurate.

August 30: Hurricane Irene forced mandatory evacuations in Ocean City and that cost the city and businesses millions of dollars. Eyewitness News reports that business owners are hoping for a big Labor Day weekend to recoup their losses.

August 31: Eyewitness News reports that Hurricane Irene not only impacted homes on the Eastern Shore, it also took a toll on local farmers and their harvests.

Sept. 1: Eyewitness News reports that gas prices over the Labor Day Weekend could hit an all time high for this time of year. High prices are being blamed on refinery problems coupled with an increase in demand.

Sept. 1: News reports that a recent study found that Baltimore has some of the worst drivers in the country exceeded by only drivers in Washington DC.

Sept. 1: News reports on a recall for bottles of gel fuel used in outdoor patio decorations.

Sept. 1 & 3: Eyewitness News reports that early voting has started for Baltimore's Mayoral Primary Election.

Sept. 1: News reports that Hurricane Irene is one of 10 storms this year that has caused over a billion dollars in damage.

Sept. 2: Eyewitness News reports that the state's economy is on the upswing as Maryland closed out its fiscal year with a \$400,000 budget surplus.

Sept. 2: Eyewitness News reports that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission found security lapses at the Southern Maryland Nuclear Power Plant, Calvert Cliffs.

Sept. 5: News reports that Honda is recalling more than 960,000 CRV crossover and Aria cars for unsafe window switch units.

Sept. 5: News reports that Anne Arundel County officials are warning residents about an increase in West Nile Virus and plans to start spraying portions of the county to control mosquitoes.

Sept. 6: Eyewitness News reports on the Baltimore City elections and how candidates are making a last-ditch effort to sway voters.

Sept. 7: Eyewitness News reports on damage caused from Tropical Storm Lee from the flooding of Historic Ellicott City to the mandatory evacuations of residents of Port Deposit.

Sept. 7: Eyewitness News reports that comedian Bill Cosby was in Baltimore to endorse mayoral candidate Otis Rolley at an event at Coppin State University.

Sept. 7: News reports on the two sides of gay marriage, how both sides are lobbying Annapolis lawmakers.

Sept. 8: News reports that the job market is not getting better as more people filed first time weekly jobless claims, as unemployment benefits rose to 414,000, up 2,000 from the prior month.

Sept. 8: Eyewitness News reports that one way to save on energy costs is to change the direction of airflow on ceiling fans during the winter months, pushing warm air down toward the floor instead of moving it upward.

Sept. 8: Eyewitness News reports that the NRC, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, has ordered the inspection of the Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant following last month's earthquake.

Sept. 8: News reports on a DEA ban on three chemicals used to make bath salts – popular among teens for having a similar effect as cocaine and LSD. Maryland has banned the drugs.

Sept. 9: News reports on a group of clergy who are opposed to plans to legalize same sex marriage in Maryland.

Sept. 12: Eyewitness News follows some of the top candidates in the city mayor's race, the day before the election.

Sept. 12: News reports that Cargill is recalling thousands of pounds of ground turkey after salmonella is detected at one of their plants.

Sept. 13: News reports that federal regulators are warning the public about the harmful side-effect of the Brazilian Blowout, a treatment that uses harmful chemicals including formaldehyde.

Sept. 13: Eyewitness News reports that the Dutch Company Unilever will close one of its plants in Hagerstown by 2013 causing 440 workers to lose their jobs. Layoffs start this fall.

Sept. 13: Eyewitness News interviews voters about their concerns facing Baltimore's next mayor.

Sept. 13: Eyewitness News reports on the voting for Mayor, President of the City Council and City Council races.

Sept. 13: News reports that Subaru is recalling 200,000 Legacy and Outback vehicles because of defects found in windshield wipers.

Sept. 13: News reports that Baltimore police are warning people about shopping for dirt bikes and other items on Craigslist as numerous people who have used Craigslist have been robbed and attacked just after making a purchase from the online seller.

Sept. 14: Eyewitness News reports on the election results for Mayor, President of the City Council and individual Council races.

Sept. 14: Eyewitness News reports that the city election had an exceptionally low voter turnout with only 70,000 votes being cast – less than 20% of registered voters!

Sept. 14: News reports that there is a major safety recall of 100,000 dehumidifiers because of a short circuit in the machine's compressor that has led to thousands of fires.

Sept. 14: News reports that the U.S. Government is stepping up its testing of e-coli in meat as a precaution to stopping food borne illnesses.

Sept. 16: Eyewitness News reports that the job picture is getting bleaker in Maryland as companies lay off another 25,000 jobs last month driving the unemployment rate up to 7.3%.

Sept. 16: Eyewitness News reports that President Obama signed a disaster declaration for Maryland and ordered federal funding to help with the recovery efforts of 13 counties.

Sept. 16: News reports on a recall of birth control pills that contain a packaging error and puts users at risk of pregnancy.

Sept. 16: News reports that the FDA is warning the corn industry about changing the name of high fructose corn syrup to corn sugar as a means to rebrand the sweetener as healthier.

Sept. 17: News reports that Halloween pumpkins are going to cost more this year due to Hurricane Irene and the flooding of farmland.

Sept. 19 & 20: Eyewitness News talks to Naval Academy officials about the end of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and the new policy of allowing gays and lesbians to openly serve in the military.

Sept. 19: News reports that Maryland lawmakers are proposing a change to the federal tax code to boost the construction industry and create jobs.

Sept. 19: Eyewitness News reports that the Port of Baltimore is the busiest international auto shipping hub in the county and that means jobs and revenue to the city and state.

Sept. 20: News reports that Governor Martin O'Malley is opposed to Constellation Energy's merger with Chicago based Exelon Corporation and says Maryland residents will lose out if the merger goes through.

Sept. 22: News reports on a Census Bureau report that shows 1 in 4 people in Baltimore City are living in poverty, an increase of 20% from 2009-2010.

Sept. 23: News reports that the CDC is warning consumers about the chemicals being used to kill bed bugs. The insecticides have killed one person and sicken hundreds.

Sept. 23: News reports that popular canned foods like soup contain the chemical BPA that has been linked to breast cancer and prostate cancer.

Sept. 26: Eyewitness News reports on potential energy savings of CFL light bulbs that can now be used on porches and in motion sensor devices.

Sept. 27: News reports that Macy's is hiring 78,000 temporary positions to help during the holiday season. It's an increase of 4% over last year's temporary hiring.

Sept. 27: Eyewitness News reports that Governor O'Malley and Congressman Elijah Cummings have announced a low-cost internet initiative for Maryland's low income families. The program comes with a voucher for a low-cost computer and monthly internet access for \$10.

Sept. 27: News reports that the number of deaths from listeria-tainted cantaloupes is up to 13 including a Maryland woman who died from eating the tainted fruit.

Sept. 28: News reports on a recall of Little Tikes plastic workshop and tool set toys. Plastic toy nails pose a choking hazard to young children.

Sept. 28: Eyewitness News reports on a recall by Tyson Fresh meats of more than 131,000 pounds of ground beef due to the potential of e-coli contamination. The beef was sold in Maryland under a generic label.

Sept. 28: Eyewitness News reports on a new MVA driving test that challenges the skills of long-time drivers.

Sept. 29: News reports that the chairman of the Federal Reserve is calling long term unemployment a national crisis and challenges Congress to take action to remedy this unprecedented situation.

Sept. 29: Eyewitness News reports that the nation's largest bank is asking their customers to pay a \$5 monthly fee to use their debit card. Other banks are expected to charge similar fees.

Sept. 29: News reports on a deal reached by the UAW and General Motors that will add 64,000 jobs at manufacturing plants in the U.S.

Sept. 30: Eyewitness News reports that a new state law allows police to pull over and ticket drivers who they see texting only if they commit another offense first, as texting is a secondary offense.

Sept. 30: News reports on a high-tech helmet that is protecting young athletes from head injuries.

ON TIME

July 10: Deborah Owens talks to Kai Jackson about her new book, "A Purse of Your Own: The Easy Guide to Financial Literacy" and why she has targeted her financial and investing advice to women. She discusses why women's investment strategies are different than men and how to overcome fears of the market.

July 17: Coppin Heights CDC is renovating the community surrounding Coppin State University by renovating the neighborhood one block at a time. Dr. Kirk Crawley, the president of the organization describes the three different types of home renovations they are undertaking: modular, new construction and renovations to existing structures. He discusses the need to secure partners to rejuvenate the New North Avenue for low to moderate income families.

August 7: Kai Jackson talks with Baltimore City Police Commissioner Fred Bealefeld about policing in the 21st century. They discuss public attitudes about law enforcement, public responsibility towards preventing crime and current cases involving a dirty cop accused of running an international heroin ring and another policeman who was killed over a parking space.

August 7: Dr. Marvin "Doc" Cheatham tells Kai Jackson about the upcoming candidates' forum for the city's mayor's race. Over thirty non-profit organizations are supporting the forum featuring candidates for both parties. He mentions that his organization is also sponsoring a Million Father Back to School event on August 29 where all men are being asked to take their children to school on the first day of classes.

September 18: Over 100 homes will be for sale as part of the Healthy Neighborhoods Great Neighborhoods, Great Homes event. Johnette Richardson and Mark Sissman tell Kai Jackson about the program that renovates homes in stable city communities like Ednor Gardens and Belair-Edison and offers

them for sale to middle income families. The goal of the program is to strengthen these city neighborhoods with more homeownership.

EDUCATION

July 1: Eyewitness News reports that Baltimore's school CEO keeps his job for the next four years... even though the school district is in the middle of turmoil.

July 2: A drop in test scores has Baltimore school leaders scrambling. Eyewitness News reports that now they're considering a drastic change that has some parents upset.

July 3: In Schoolwatch, a controversial plan to help some students in Baltimore. Eyewitness News reports that the school district's CEO wants to send kids to class on Saturday to improve test scores.

July 5: You may be surprised to learn that at least two high schools in Baltimore City are teaching Chinese as a foreign language. Eyewitness News reports that now some of those students are getting ready for the trip of a lifetime.

July 7: Eyewitness News reports that thousands of city middle schoolers are racing their minds with math fun during the Grand Prix of Summer Learning program.

July 7: Eyewitness News reports that it will be up to Maryland voters to decide if illegal immigrants in Maryland will be awarded in-state tuition breaks.

July 8: Eyewitness News reports that new reaction tonight to the ongoing controversy over allowing illegal immigrants to get in state tuition breaks here in Maryland.

July 11: Eyewitness News reports that in the face of an academic violation, a local college is put on probation. Tonight a look at what that means for students and faculty at Baltimore City Community College.

July 12: Eyewitness News reports that the NAACP files a complaint claiming racial bias at Anne Arundel County schools.

July 13: A tense meeting tonight at the Baltimore City Board of Education meeting. Eyewitness News reports that parents and students are looking for answers after a popular principal was fired from Montebello Junior Academy.

July 15: Eyewitness News reports that a new report shows nearly 90-percent of Baltimore elementary and middle schools fell short of academy targets this year.

July 20: Eyewitness News reports that some Baltimore city high school students take the trip of a lifetime. Eight students just returned from a trip to Baltimore's sister city in China.

July 21: Five Baltimore schools have been tagged among the nation's most persistently dangerous schools. Eyewitness News reports how they made the list and what this means for the troubled schools.

July 28: Eyewitness News reports that the Maryland Institute College of Art gets its largest donation ever with a 10 million dollar gift to the school.

July 29: Making summer school fun was the goal of a band new city schools program designed to get young students excited about science. In Schoolwatch, a look at their inventions on the last day of class.

August 1: Supporters of the Dream Act file suit to cancel the 2012 ballot referendum. Eyewitness News reports that they believe the state board of elections wrongly certified petitions to put in-state tuition for undocumented students on the November ballot.

August 2: A Maryland university makes it on to an impressive list. Eyewitness News reports that Loyola University Maryland has been named among the nation's top 376 colleges in the 2011 Princeton Review guide.

August 3: As the city gets ready for the Baltimore Grand Prix, hundreds of students are doing some racing of their own. In tonight's Schoolwatch, how elementary schoolers are speeding to the top of the class.

August 8: Eyewitness News reports that schools are about to get a break from the student testing requirements in the Federal No Child Left Behind Law.

August 10: The summer's almost over and students across Maryland are getting ready to go back to class. Eyewitness News reports that for the first time in 40 years, Baltimore County is issuing a dress code for students.

August 11: City school shake-up... a high number of principals are walking away from the Baltimore schools. Eyewitness News reports that it's a turnover rate that started when the current CEO took the helm.

August 13: The Baltimore County school system is facing a huge budget shortfall and some tough choices are on the horizon.

August 15: Eyewitness News reports that there may be new life for Baltimore International College. The culinary school's board of trustees has signed a letter of intent to merge with Virginia's Stratford University.

August 16: Summer is coming to an end and its back to school for thousands of kids in Baltimore. In Schoolwatch, how city and county teachers are preparing for a new school year.

August 18: In School Watch, Baltimore's crumbling school buildings. The ACLU wants to put them on the mend.

August 19: Eyewitness News reports that the new school year is just a few days away for many Maryland students, but for some teachers it's already begun. In Baltimore County that means it's time to rally the teachers.

August 25: Eyewitness News reports that just days before classes start, four Baltimore city schools are getting some help improving their students' health.

Sept. 6: News reports that Baltimore City School CEO Andres Alonso has been appointed to the National Assessment Governing Board, the board that measures student achievement in the nation's public schools.

Sept. 7: News reports on a program that Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis started to provide local students with backpacks and other school supplies.

Sept. 13: News reports that Matt Birk, the Ravens center, is working to get students to hit the books and make the grades.

Sept. 14: News reports that a Scottish study found that children can benefit from tutoring sessions from other children, benefitting both students.

Sept. 15: News reports that Maryland students are doing better in 2 out of 3 areas on the SAT as compared to the national average.

Sept. 16: News reports that Dr. Freeman Hrabowski has transformed UMBC into a world renowned institution that has received unprecedented accolades on its accomplishments.

Sept. 16: News reports that the U.S. Dept. of Education has designated several Maryland schools with the blue ribbon award of excellence.

Sept. 16: News reports that Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor is speaking at the dedication of the University of Maryland's Francis King Carey School of Law.

Sept. 23: Eyewitness News profiles two graduates of the Baltimore School for the Arts who married and are performing music from their latest CD.

Sept. 23: News reports that President Obama is using Baltimore as an example of why the federal government should reform the Bush Administration's "No Child Left Behind" policy.

Sept. 28: News reports that the state school board is asking for public input in the choosing of the next superintendent of education. Several meetings are planned to get public input into the selection of the next superintendent who will replace Nancy Grasmick, who retired as the longest serving state school superintendent in the county.

ON TIME

July 3: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Nancy Grasmick, who retired after 20 years as the superintendent of Maryland Public Schools. She discusses the progress that has been made to increase education outcomes in all jurisdictions and across all grade levels. Changes made to early childhood pre-K education have shown dramatic results. She discusses the success of getting Race to the Top funds and the impact it will have in holding teachers accountable for educating students.

July 24: Kai Jackson talks with R&B singer Chante Moore about her participation in an upcoming fundraising concert for the newly formed Bluford Drew Jemison Academy. Dr. Anne Emery and Germaine Bold-Leftridge explain how the school educates urban males in the STEM categories – science, technology, engineering and math.

July 31: Joseph Freed discusses a the new Baltimore Design School that is set to open in the Fall for middle school students interested in architecture, fashion design and graphic design. He tells Kai Jackson how the school will focus on these areas to prepare students to continue their education in these fields at the college level. The school is currently enrolling middle school age students and will add new grades each year to eventually become a 6-12 grade school based in the Station North arts district.

August 14: Kai Jackson talks with author and teacher Christine Angela about her new book, "This Urban Teacher's Journal." She discusses how current teacher education programs do not prepare them to handle the various problems and situations teachers encounter in urban classrooms. She offers suggestions on how teachers can improve the education of urban students.

August 14: The Dream 4 It Foundation raises scholarship money for young people to pursue a college education. Foundation president Anthony Brown tells Kai Jackson that money for the program comes from their upcoming concert.

September 4: Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, established 4 years ago, features a corporate internship program that helps prepare students for college as well as a field of study. Janet Shock tells Kai Jackson how the school's students intern at various businesses and corporations and that these companies pay the school for their work thereby offsetting the school tuition costs. Carolina Epinal and James Lambert discuss the companies they have interned at and how this has influenced them in choosing their career paths. Last year's first graduating class of 78 had 100% of the students accepted into college. Students at Cristo Rey come from lower income households in Baltimore City.

COMMUNITY

July 1: If you want to start your Fourth of July celebration early, there's no better place than Dundalk. Eyewitness News reports that the Heritage Fair kicks off four days of festivities in one of the area's oldest and proudest neighborhoods.

July 2: A group of Baltimore children get the chance to question Michael Vick about his involvement with dog fighting. Eyewitness News reports that the Philadelphia Eagles quarterback spoke to kids at a youth football camp at Woodlawn High School.

July 7: Urban gardens have become very popular in recent years here in Baltimore. Eyewitness News reports that a lot of people are growing their own fruits and vegetables in one garden that's popped up in an unusual place in the city.

July 9: A taste of the Caribbean this weekend in Baltimore. Eyewitness News reports that a big crowd showed up today for the state of the 30th Annual Caribbean Carnival Festival.

July 10: Eyewitness News reports that downtown drivers should get ready for more construction headaches as the city preps for the Grand Prix race.

July 12: WJZ, MASN and the Baltimore Orioles are teaming up to feed the hungry and we need your help. Eyewitness News reports that during this weekend's home stand baseball fans can take non-perishable food to Camden Yards for the Orioles Food Drive that benefits the Maryland Food Bank.

July 18: Eyewitness News reports that Howard County is giving people whose loved ones suffer from dementia or other mental diseases peace of mind. The police department has a new way of tracking those who may wander off.

July 19: Imagine riding a bike from city to city, helping Habitat for Humanity build several homes. Eyewitness News reports that's what one group of riders has done for the last week and a half and today one of their stops took them to Frederick.

July 20: Eyewitness News reports that more than 20-thousand dollars has been raised for the Maryland Food Bank at this year's WJZ MASN Orioles Food Drive.

July 23: Hitting the greens in their high heels. Eyewitness News reports that hundreds of women armed with golf clubs opted to wear their shiny favorites today for High Heels for Hope at Pine Ridge Golf Course.

July 24: A dark day in America's history is marked here in Baltimore. Eyewitness News reports that the City Fire Department hosted the iron and steel 9/11 memorial ceremony today to pay tribute to those whose lives were lost during the attacks.

July 25: Getting the road ready. Eyewitness News reports that workers take a big step today to prepare Baltimore for the Grand Prix.

July 26: Eyewitness News reports that Brooks Robinson elevated the Orioles during his time in uniform and now his friends and fans are elevating him... to a permanent perch across from the ball park.

July 27: Eyewitness News reports that a battle over biking brings controversy to Loch Raven Reservoir and now to City Hall. Mountain bikers say they aren't getting a fair ride from the city when it comes to where they can wheel.

July 28: Eyewitness News reports that 68 Marylanders died in the September 11th attacks... and today we're getting a first look at Baltimore's memorial to them at the Inner Harbor.

July 30: Baltimore county leaders say the wait is over on a multi-million dollar construction project in Owings Mills. Eyewitness News reports that it's designed to bring businesses and buyers back to the area.

July 31: New technology designed to keep drivers safe by spotting weak bridges could be installed on Maryland roadways soon. Eyewitness News reports that one University of Maryland scientist is behind the new system.

August 1: There's big and then there's the container ship "Sindy." Eyewitness News reports that the largest ship ever to dock at the Port of Baltimore... and far larger vessels are on the way.

August 3: A big chunk of Baltimore's post offices could be closing their doors. Eyewitness News reports that city leaders and community members gathered to protest the proposed cuts.

August 7: Celebrating diversity with a weekend of fun and festivities. Eyewitness News reports that the Baltimore International Festival took place at the Poly/Western High School complex today.

August 11: Want to know if construction zones are jamming up your commute? Eyewitness News reports that you can now dial 511 on any phone and find out before you leave home.

August 11: New census data shows the changing face of Maryland. Eyewitness News reports that it shows a 51 percent jump in the number of same sex couples in Maryland in the past decade.

August 12: Eyewitness News reports that more than a thousand local kids received free back to school goodies today thanks to a famous face of the Baltimore Ravens. Ray Rice is using his celebrity off the field to help those in need.

August 15: Eyewitness News reports that Money Magazine names the 100 best places to live in America and three of them are here in Maryland.

August 16: The Baltimore Grand Prix is less than three weeks away, but festivities start earlier than Labor Day weekend. Eyewitness News reports that information about all the free activities during Baltimore Race Week.

August 20: A ride to remember. Eyewitness News reports that thousands of motorcyclists ride across Maryland and up to New York to mark the 10th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks.

August 21: It's the largest Iron Girl Triathlon event in the country. Eyewitness News reports that over 2000 women from 25 states competed in the Iron Girl Triathlon at Centennial Park.

August 24: They are 25 feet long and weigh more than two tons. Eyewitness News reports that they're a big piece of American history that will be unveiled at the Inner Harbor on the 10th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks.

August 25: Hurricane Irene is strengthening and she's got her sights on the Mid-Atlantic coast and Maryland. Eyewitness News reports on the preparations that the state is making for the big storm.

August 27: Eyewitness News reports that Hurricane Irene is gone but her impact will be felt for days. There is heavy damage across the state.

August 29: Getting around downtown is getting more complicated. The city is changing traffic patterns to accommodate this week's Grand Prix.

August 31: Eyewitness News reports that last minute preparations are underway for the Baltimore Grand Prix. That means tons of road closures and traffic headaches for drivers downtown.

Sept. 2: News previews the upcoming Baltimore Grand Prix, the first time race cars will compete on the streets of downtown Charm City.

Sept. 3: News reports that racing fans are flocking to Charm City for the start of the Baltimore Grand Prix.

Sept. 4: News reports on the winners in the inaugural Baltimore Grand Prix

Sept. 5: News reports on the impact of the Grand Prix on Baltimore's bottom line.

Sept. 8: News reports on the economic impact that the Baltimore Grand Prix had on hotels, restaurants and parking garages.

Sept. 9: News reports how the historic Fells Point Broadway Market has undergone major renovations and opens to the public with new and improved market stalls and vendors.

Sept. 14: News reports on a flag that commemorated the 9/11 attack was brought to Maryland to be flown over Ft. McHenry, the birthplace of the Star Spangled Banner.

Sept. 14: News reports that Baltimore's Penn Station is celebrating its centennial anniversary making it one of the country's historical train stations.

Sept. 18: Eyewitness News reports live from the Ft. McHenry Tunnel on the run that benefits Maryland Special Olympics.

Sept. 20: Eyewitness News reports that restaurants participating in Dining Out for Life benefit Moveable Feast and their ability to provide nutritious meals to HIV/AIDS and breast cancer patients.

Sept. 25: Eyewitness News reports live from the 5th Annual Great Prostate Cancer Challenge.

Sept. 29: Eyewitness News reports on a new city campaign to fight animal abuse that features all types of Maryland athletes from boxers to football players and swimmers to baseball players – posing with their pets in a billboard campaign designed to discourage male violence against dogs and cats.

ON TIME

July 3: Dionne McConkey and Linda Bryan tell Kai Jackson about the plans for this year's Fourth of July Celebration. They discuss who will be performing and fireworks that conclude the festivities.

July 10: More and more people are turning to food bank, soup kitchens and local pantries for help. Deborah Flateman talks to Kai Jackson about some of the choices people have to make that result in people seeking help. She discusses how the upcoming food drive will benefit their Thanksgiving program and will allow them to purchase turkeys for needy families. She mentions the direct impact that rising gas prices have had on food prices including the bulk prices they pay for food.

July 17: Teen Dating Violence is more prevalent than previously known, affecting one in three teens. Lisa Nitsch from the House of Ruth Maryland discusses programs to educate teens, parents and adult mentors about the warning signs and intervention techniques. Jon Ladd from the Baltimore Classic 5 Golf Courses explains how their upcoming golf fundraiser is benefiting the House of Ruth teen programs.

July 17: Pastor Handel Smith and Minister Carrie Britt tell Kai Jackson about Celebrate Recovery, a program similar to AA that uses a 12 step Christian-based approach to helping individuals overcome their addiction to drugs, alcohol, sex, etc. They discuss how the program began in California and now is offered worldwide. They discuss the success their program has had in prisons and how the recidivism rate for their program participants is very low compared to the general rates.

July 31: Alvin Gillard discusses the upcoming International Festival and the Civil Rights Breakfast as opportunities for diverse communities to come together to celebrate. The festival highlights many cultures through free musical performances, dance presentations, informational booth and food. The Civil Rights Breakfast features a keynote address by Roland S. Martin.

August 7: After being closed for two years, the Reisterstown Road library is reopening in August and will feature wifi and is the first branch that will loan our e-readers with preloaded books. Dr. Carla Hayden tells Kai Jackson how the e-reader program will work and how the Pratt is the first urban library system to offer patrons this option.

August 21: Kathryn Cooper Nicholas tells Kai Jackson about her plans to build an after school center for youth in the Park Heights community. The idea for a youth center came to her after her son was stabbed by other teens. She got 10,000 other mothers to join with her and hold a prayer vigil at various drug corners known for violence. She discusses why the facility is needed – to offer youth activities and programs to offer alternatives to street violence.

August 21: Kai Jackson talks with Vic Carter about his involvement with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Monument Dedication. As a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity – Dr. King’s fraternity – Vic Carter tells Kai how he worked with the King family and others during the various stages – getting a congressional resolution, meeting with planning commissions and selecting a design. He discusses how the final design of the memorial reflects Dr. King’s legacy.

September 11: Kai Jackson talks with Tonier “Neen” Cain, whose life was documented in “Finding Neen” and writer, director, producer Laura Cain about the film produced by the Maryland Disability Law Center. Tonier Cain gives Kai a snapshot of her life that began with sexual abuse at the age of 9, a twenty-year downward spiral that included drug abuse, prostitution, homelessness and multiple prison sentences. Once she got the proper care that addressed her trauma she was able to turn her life around. She explains how she now speaks out on the need for trauma informed care.

September 18: The Neighbor to Family foster care program seeks to keep siblings together when being placed in a foster care family. Donna McCarter tells Kai Jackson of the importance of the sibling bond in overcoming tragic and trying situations that lead to children being taken from their homes. Tracey Ferguson Stephenson discusses how her sibling bond is setting the example at this year’s Neighbor to Family Siblings of the Year Awards.

September 18: The 5th annual Will 2 Work campaign is seeking donations of gently used professional business clothing. Bart Castiello from ZIPS Dry Cleaners explains to Kai Jackson how this drying cleaning chain works with the Goodwill to clean business garments and make them available for out of work job seekers.

ART & CULTURE

July 3: Another exciting day at Baltimore’s African-American Festival. Eyewitness News reports that on the big crowds showed up outside M&T Bank Stadium for the music, food and fun.

July 4: Eyewitness News reports that parades, barbecues and fireworks... they’re all part of Maryland’s Fourth of July celebrations... but there’s also a tradition in Annapolis. It happens every day but takes on special meaning as we celebrate America’s independence.

July 6: A lasting legacy that got its start right here in Maryland Eyewitness News reports that you can see how Muppets creator Jim Henson dreamed up his beloved characters through the eyes of Baltimore native Kevin Clash and his side-kick Elmo.

July 8: Eyewitness News reports that a former librarian’s love for books will last forever. Margaret Peterson’s estate is giving more than 800-thousand dollars to two library organizations.

July 9: Eyewitness News reports that a discovery deep below ground leads researchers to a piece of Civil War history in the heart of West Baltimore.

July 10: Art imitates animal life. Eyewitness News reports that a local artist is using his talents to showcase animals at the Maryland Zoo and generate donations in the process.

July 11: She was built in 1955... one of the most famous Skipjacks to ever sail the Chesapeake Bay... but now she's in desperate need of repairs. Tonight Eyewitness News reports that efforts are underway to restore a treasured piece of Chesapeake Bay history.

July 13: Eyewitness News reports that the FBI is expanding its search into the theft of historic documents from the Maryland Historical Society, many of them priceless.

July 15: Eyewitness News reports that this year's Artscape Festival is just getting underway in Mount Royal.

July 16: Eyewitness News reports that America's largest free arts festival is packed tonight. Artscape kicked off yesterday and runs through tomorrow.

July 20: Eyewitness News reports that the Dew Tour is coming to Ocean City this weekend and is expected to be a huge success.

July 21: Dozens of high schoolers are dancing and singing their way through the summer. Eyewitness News reports that as these future opera stars perfect their craft we go inside Opera Camp.

July 22: They're fascinating and slimy and now you have a chance to see them right here in Baltimore. Eyewitness News reports that the Hellbender is a giant salamander and it's the newest resident of the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore.

July 23: Remembering 9-11 heroes... one artist spent hours drawing each firefighter who died in the terrorist attack. Eyewitness News reports that now her work is on display in Baltimore.

July 24: Eyewitness News reports that the new Coretta Scott King Memorial Garden opened today at Sojourner Douglass College in Edgewater.

July 25: Brooks is coming back to the ballpark. Eyewitness News reports that construction has started on a new statue honoring Brooks Robinson.

July 26: Making fashion out of duct tape. Eyewitness News reports that's the goal of an Owings Mills teenager who's outfitting people around the country with the sticky stuff.

July 28: She's a piece of living history and for the next four days you'll have a chance to see her at the Inner Harbor. Eyewitness News reports that the John W. Brown is one of only two Liberty ships still sailing.

August 2: One of the best places in America to grab some pizza is located right here in Maryland. Eyewitness News reports that Food Network Magazine just named Baltimore's Joe Squared as one of its 50 best pizzas.

August 4: They were the first Black Americans to fly for the US military. Eyewitness News reports that despite segregation, the Tuskegee Airmen served with honor and now they're being honored at BWI Marshall Airport.

August 5: A celebration some would call a little fishy. Eyewitness News reports that the National Aquarium in Baltimore hits a major milestone... it is 30 years old.

August 8: Shipwreck and sunken treasures... sounds a lot like a movie. Eyewitness News reports that Maryland archeologists are on a mission... digging up the past in Prince George's County.

August 12: Eyewitness News reports that a local baker is making a scrumptious debut on the silver screen. Tonight how the movie “The Help” is helping an Annapolis business.

August 16: He’s one of the creators of Spiderman, The Hulk, X-Men and more and you’ll have a chance to meet him at the Baltimore Convention Center this weekend. Eyewitness News reports that thousands of people are heading to Charm City for Comic Con 2011.

August 17: In March more than 20 thousand people were killed by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Eyewitness News reports that some children who lost everything visit Harford County work out with hall of famer Cal Ripken.

August 18: If you love fashion, you’ll enjoy the next four nights right here in Charm City. Eyewitness News reports that the Fourth Annual Baltimore Fashion Week gets underway tonight and everything is runway ready.

August 20: It’s one of the biggest festivals of the year in Baltimore. Eyewitness News reports that there will be food, fun and friendships in the streets of Little Italy as a patron saint brings thousands to the city.

August 22: Eyewitness News reports that after years of planning, the memorial to the Reverend Martin Luther King Junior is open in Washington DC.

August 23: A priceless piece of sports memorabilia stolen from Baltimore Colts great Art Donovan is finally back in the right hands tonight. Eyewitness News reports that police tracked down Donovan’s 1958 World Championship ring stolen more than 30 years ago.

Sept. 6: News reports that Baltimore’s Enoch Pratt Free Library not only offers books, CDs and DVDs but now patrons can enjoy a new coffee shop and café opening inside the library.

Sept. 17: News reports on festivities that celebrate the life of Baltimore-born Frank Zappa.

Sept. 24 & 25: News reports on the 16th Annual Baltimore Book Festival.

ON TIME

July 3: Chautauqua returns to CCBC – Community College of Baltimore County – Catonsville and Dr. Bill Watson and Gwendolyn Briley-Strand explain to Kai Jackson that this year’s event examines the Civil War through the personal reflections of Jefferson Davis, Harriet Tubman and President Abraham Lincoln. Gwendolyn Briley-Strand explains that as scholar performer she has researched her character, Harriet Tubman, and after her presentation will hold a Q&A session and answer in character. Chautauqua is being performed around the state as part of a program of the Maryland Humanities Council.

July 31: Dr. Michelle Wilkinson, Maya Freelon Asante and Maren Hassinger talk with Kai Jackson about the new exhibition at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum “Material Girls: Contemporary Black Women Artists.” They discuss the themes that the artwork explores and the significance of the materials used in creating art as it relates to the African American experience.

August 14: Retired Lt. Col. James Zumwalt tells Kai Jackson how he went back to Vietnam 36 years after fighting in this war and ended up interviewing America’s former enemy about their experiences in this war. He tells Kai Jackson that he originally went with his father, Rear Admiral Elmo Zumwalt who was responsible for the use of Agent Orange back to the war-torn country to advocate for help for those affected by this deadly chemical which incidentally killed his older brother who also fought in the war. His book, “Bare Feet Iron Will” tells the stories of those who fought against America. He offers insights into the current war based upon his observations from fighting in Vietnam.

September 11: Kwame Kwei-Armah, the new artistic director for CenterStage tells Kai Jackson about his vision for the theatre of the future. He says he plans to feature new playwrights and produce new plays with

marquee performers and directors. He mentions how his family is moving to Baltimore from London and offers his perspective of the recent outbreak of street violence.

September 25: South African artist Paul Emmanuel tells Kai Jackson about his new exhibition at MICA, the Maryland Institute College of Art that explores men going through different stages of transitions from infancy through old age. He describes how he creates his art by scratching images on black photographic paper creating images out of darkness. He describes current race relations in South Africa and how the role of the military has changed.

September 25: Rosa Pryor Trusty and Betty Eggleston tell Kai Jackson about the upcoming 20th Anniversary Black and Gold Ball and how the proceeds provide scholarships for young children to further their music education. Five students will be given funds for voice and music lessons or to purchase musical instruments. The Ball honors legendary Baltimore performing groups including The Softones and Joe Hosea – fixtures in the Baltimore music scene for over forty years.